



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

**Meeting Date:** 10-16-07

**Meeting Location:** Bartholomew County DCS

**Council Members Present:** Mark Loyd, Dennis Carmichael, Helen Jackson, Jack Tandy, Laura Gentry and Ruth Alewine,

**Council Members Absent:** Heather Mollo, Tammi Hickman, Shana Bolden, Susie Hodnett and Jim Brown

**Others In Attendance:** Kelly Bauermeister, Quinco; Karla Davis, CPCS; Mary McKinney, Family Services; Scott Phillips and Kristy Carmichael.

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:35

1. Child Welfare Services funding request from Family Services and Quinco in Bartholomew was opened for discussion, having been tabled at the previous RSC meeting. Family Services has requested an additional amount of approximately \$11,000 and Quinco approximately \$7,000 to continue funding a program at the Taylorsville school. Ruth informed RSC that there are unused CWS funds in Jennings County which are available and that Shana has agreed to their use for this program. There was discussion about what kind of outcomes this program will have and Kellie and Mary gave examples of outcomes they have currently set as expectations: no substantiated AB/NE or involvement with Juvenile Probation during time of service or up to one year post services; reduced number of suspensions and expulsions from school; better academic scores; and better class attendance. Kellie and Mary also gave information about how this program is based upon some schools in Indianapolis that work with their Systems of Care to change the culture, philosophy and environment in the school to be one that can better support these outcomes and the way that children are handled when they have disciplinary issues. Taylorsville is developing a Respect Room where children will be sent when they are disrupting the classroom—an intervention is done and the child is returned to the classroom. The long-term goal is that disruptive incidents will not result in a child leaving his/her classroom. Motion by Mark Loyd to approve funding through Jennings County funds with the condition that data to support outcomes is received from the program; second by Dennis Carmichael; motioned passed.

2. Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS): Karla reports they have been extremely busy. All 5 liaisons are hired, with one returning from maternity leave next week. This will enable the program to have one liaison in each of our 5 counties and will allow Karla to spend more of her time promoting the program throughout the Region. Karla passed out the monthly financial report,, the September 2007 Referral Report, the September 2007 Service Log that details the percentage of time spent on various program activities; and Evaluation Results from their Continuous Quality Improvement project. Karla reported that she began to see more awareness of the program during the month of August.
3. Scott Phillips and Christy Carmichael attended the meeting so that Scott could present information about expanding his services throughout the Region. Christy is assisting Scott to develop his proposal for services. Ruth explained that DCS Central Office has approved for Region 14 to do a one-year pilot with Scott, utilizing Child Welfare Services funding, to see if this might be a program to expand to other Regions. We are to set outcomes, as a Region, that we want to achieve through the program. Ruth said that CWS funds that are unused at the end of 2007 will be rolled over into 2008 and can be used for this program; we will have to determine how much will be designated for the program from those funds before we know the amount of 2008 CWS funds that need to be set aside for this. Scott said that County offices spend most of their placement dollars on a small number of children because the placements are not local, services needed for individual children are not accessible and the available services are expensive. In his work with counties, Scott develops localized services by working with current service providers to tailor services and programs to the needs of individual counties and children—an economy of scale can be reached when several counties can utilize the same service for several children. Scott works with children who are either already in placement or who are slated for placement, evaluating the type of services they need in order to make progress and making a recommendation to DCS, Probation or Court on possible placement or community options. Some of the outcomes that he expects to achieve are: improving treatment at residential facilities by pushing the facility to develop the services that are needed for an individual child; decreasing county costs by use of alternative placements (DOE placements, PRTF placements) and use of multiple funding for placements that have the involvement of DCS/DOE/MH; decreasing the length of stay in a placement (his work in other counties has generally resulted is 2-3 less weeks in care resulting in savings of thousands of dollars; negotiating per diem amounts or for refusal to pay when services are not provided that were contracted for; developing local programs to bring needed services to counties; and, providing clinical support to DCS staff. Scott provided samples of the

evaluation and recommendation documents he produces when working with children. Motion by Mark Loyd for Scott to proceed with his proposal to expand to region-wide services on January 1, 2008; second by Helen Jackson; motion passed. Scott will need to meet with local county staff before the first of the year to determine the services that each office wants.

4. Laura Gentry updated the RSC on progress made toward training staff to be Facilitators of Child and Family Team Meetings. Our goal, as a Region, is to have all staff trained by the end of January. Management staff and Peer Coaches will attend Assessment training in November and the balance of staff will attend this training in either December or March. We are then slated to be trained in the last two of the core Case Practice Reform skills, Planning and Intervening, by the end of June.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** November 20, 2007 and January 15, 2008

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:30 am.